

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Trade With China

THE community can always expect from the annual discourse of the chairman of the General Chamber of Commerce a thoughtful and balanced analysis of the Colony's commercial condition, and Mr. J. A. Blackwood's address on Monday was no exception. A clearer picture could hardly be drawn.

From it, Hongkong traders and industrialists can draw inspiration and some lessons. Yet in truth it was a speech which needs to be studied and appreciated overseas, particularly by those people who are prone to regard Hongkong as just an unnecessary geographical feature of Asia.

They could, for example, give due consideration to the remarkably steady cost of living index which the Colony enjoys, and ponder on what that means. Amongst other things it signifies that some two and a half million people (99 per cent of them Chinese, the vast majority being politically non-Communist) know they can maintain a regular standard of living; that the purchasing value of the Hongkong dollar remains constant.

THAT in itself is no mean achievement; it is enhanced by the knowledge that it has been realised under the most adverse trading conditions. The UN embargo has crippled Hongkong's traditional entrepot trade with China, and, unaided, the Colony has had to correct the situation by its industrial development. It is to be wondered that Hongkong businessmen view the outlook with concern. They see Soviet Russia trading with the West in a wide range of commodities, many of which find their way to China through the iron curtain—commodities which can be handled here more expeditiously and to the greater advantage of everyone concerned.

They are being denied this perfectly legitimate trade largely because American "opinion" refuses to make any differentiation between strategic items and consumer goods destined for China. The effect upon China is, as Mr. Blackwood trenchantly pointed out, that she has to look elsewhere for goods which Hongkong could supply to her now. And the only beneficiaries are Russia and the satellites.

HONGKONG isn't asking for any special trading concessions. There is no suggestion that the entire UN strategic controls should be immediately lifted. But we are entitled to a logical application of restrictions. If it is acceptable that the Western democracies be allowed to trade in certain commodities with Russia and other European Communist countries, then they should be permitted to do so with China.

It is a pity that those who so emphatically demand the throttling of trade with China through Hongkong fail to appreciate that today the Colony is keeping economically contented and politically friendly between two and three million Chinese. That is a positive contribution towards the furtherance of Democracy and we ask, why should it be jeopardised by a policy of imposed restrictions, illogical as well as unrealistic? Like Mr. Blackwood, the Colony awaits with some impatience the outcome of the promised reconsideration of the schedules by the Co-ordinating Committee on Trade. The sooner those with China are brought into line with those pertaining to Russia, the better for everyone.

LONDON ASKS U.S.—WHY?

Envoy's Statement On Cyprus Shocks The Foreign Office 'Please Explain' Demand Sent To Washington

London, Mar. 13.

A shocked Foreign Office announced tonight it would ask the United States why its Athens Ambassador expressed "sympathetic concern" to the Greek Government today over the deportation of Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.

France-Presse said it was understood that the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden had personally asked for the explanation.

Official British sources were deeply disturbed by the American Ambassador's statement.

The Foreign Office statement read: "Instructions have been sent to Her Majesty's Ambassador in Washington to ask the State Department for an explanation in Athens this afternoon."

"This statement is reported to have set out the views of the Cyprus problem conveyed to the Greek Foreign Minister by the United States Ambassador."

The United States Embassy in Athens announced earlier that Mr. Cavendish Cannon, the Ambassador, had called on the Greek Foreign Minister, Mr. Spiros Theotokis, and "took the occasion to express the sympathetic concern of the United States Government and the American people" for "recent developments in Cyprus."

Authoritative sources in London said the American Embassy statement contained "unkind remarks" about British policy in Cyprus and "belittled" the difference of opinion existing between the British authorities and Archbishop Makarios, on the political future of Cyprus.

It also suggests that the United States may be more critical of recent British policy in Cyprus than hitherto believed.

It had been assumed in diplomatic quarters in London that the United States fully understood Britain's difficulties and would make no move likely to complicate her task.

Now officials believe the United States may be planning some positive intervention in the dispute—a belief not diminished by tonight's Washington statement that the United States has urged Britain and some unidentified Cyprus to renew negotiations for a settlement.

These United States moves may be a talking point when the Labour Party attacks Sir Anthony Eden's Government on Cyprus in the House of Commons debate tomorrow.

Diplomatic quarters said the British decision to deport Archbishop Makarios was not communicated in advance to the United States Government as the matter was regarded as a purely internal responsibility.

Not Taking Sides
Washington, Mar. 13.
United States policy in the Cyprus dispute is still not to take sides with any of the parties concerned and to "try to be helpful to all in the role of an interested spectator."

That is how officials tonight summed up the situation which has become more and more confused in the last 24 hours, after widely differing interpretations, and misinterpretations, of the State Department's official reaction yesterday to the deportation of Archbishop Makarios.

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WIDESPREAD SEARCH FOR LOST BRITON

Tokyo, Mar. 14.

A widespread search began today for a British businessman missing in the rugged, snow-covered ski country of north central Honshu, Japan's main island.

He is Mr. William Clarke, 35, sales promotion officer for BOAC in Tokyo.

He has been missing since Monday night.

Mr. George Denny, BOAC manager for Japan, said a three-pronged search was launched today. — United Press.

Permanent US Base On Antarctica Possible

Washington, Mar. 13.

The United States is considering making territorial claims on Antarctica.

Rear-Admiral H. Byrd made this announcement at a press conference in the Defence Department. He had just returned to Washington from the expedition to Antarctica.

He was asked if the United States intended making any claims on Antarctica. He replied: "I'm going to have a talk on that subject over at the State Department not before too long."

'WE OPENED UP...'
In the meantime, the United States would make no claims, maintain no claim, and reserve the right to claim any part of Antarctica on the basis of exploration, discovery or delineation of coast.

Admiral Byrd also indicated that the United States might maintain a permanent base at least one of the four or five bases it was establishing in Antarctica in connection with the International Geophysical Year (1957-58).

With regard to the prospect of permanent habitation of the hitherto unpopulated Antarctica continent, Admiral Byrd said: "I claim that this year we opened up a new continent on the face of the earth."

"At our base on McMurdo Sound, the average wind is 15 to 20 mph and Scott's (the British explorer's) hut, which was put down in 1902 is filled, but not covered with snow."

"I think that is a remarkable fact in a continent with an ice age going on."

STAYING OVER WINTER
"We have built our buildings nearby for the 92 men we are leaving there over the winter and I don't believe these buildings will ever be covered with snow."

"In other words it can be a permanent base."

"I am not saying, and I want to emphasize this, that the United States is putting down a permanent base. That would not be a popular statement if I did."

"I think it could be a base, but the people would be rotated every year or so."

"I don't think the Antarctic continent will ever again be the lonely continent it was before we started this exploration." — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Makins Visits
State Dept

Washington, Mar. 13.
Sir Roger Makins, the British Ambassador, tonight asked the United States for clarification on its attitude towards the Cyprus crisis.

The State Department announced tonight. — Reuter.

British View
United Nations, Mar. 13.
A spokesman for the British delegation to the United Nations said tonight that a discussion of Cyprus was outside the competence of the U.N.

He was referring to the Greek request, handed to the Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, earlier today, that the General Assembly should discuss the Cyprus problem this autumn.

The British spokesman said the Assembly itself had made this ruling when Greece brought the matter up during the last Assembly session.

Mr. Krishna Menon, India's United Nations delegate, said today Cyprus ought first to achieve its independence before being linked with any other country. — All agencies.

HUSSEIN PLANNED 'TO JORDANISE' LEGION—GLUBB

London, Mar. 13.

Sir John Glubb—former Commander of the Arab Legion—disclosed tonight that on the day before his dismissal he had discussed with King Hussein a detailed plan for handing over of the legion to Jordanians.

Speaking on a BBC feature he said: "We have always considered that this hand-over of the command of the Arab Legion was inevitable."

Sir John added: "It was the timing that was in question."

Britons Still Needed
"The Arab Legion has not been formed long enough, we thought, to produce really senior officers, and we were anxious to have another four or five years during which this hand-over could be deliberately carried out."

"This all happened rather more quickly than we anticipated."

"I should think the best way out of it is to agree to Jordanians commanding the Army, but I am sure they will still be in need of British officers as technical officers and trainers, and other jobs of that kind."

"I think we shall be able to get a reasonable agreement with them which I hope will maintain the efficiency of the Arab Legion in the future."

Sir John Glubb said he did not really know the reasons for the King's action against him. — Reuter.

Talks in Amman
Amman, Mar. 13.
The British Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Charles Duke, today discussed with the Prime Minister, Samir Rifai, future Anglo-Jordanian relations following the dismissal of General Sir John Glubb and other British officers from the Arab Legion.

Sir Alec Kirkbride, former British Ambassador to Jordan, was due here tonight from London with a special message from the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden. — Reuter.

River Collision
New Orleans, Mar. 13.
The Swedish steamer Stegsholm collided with another steamer in the fog-shrouded Mississippi River early today.

The other vessel, Casa Blanca of Costa Rican registry, was anchored off the Todd drydocks while waiting for the fog to lift. Tugs pulled the Casa Blanca to drydock for repairs. — United Press.

Polio Epidemic
Johannesburg, Mar. 13.
Polio has reached epidemic proportions in Johannesburg, where 45 cases have been confirmed since the beginning of the month. — Reuter.

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Tito Plans Tighter Control In Yugoslavia

Belgrade, Mar. 13.

President Tito today said that Yugoslav youth must be protected from a deluge of "Western destructive ideas and influences."

In a speech regarded by foreign observers as presaging tightening of Communist Party control throughout the country.

Addressing the Central Committee of the Yugoslav Communist party, who held their first meeting for 15 months, the President, as Secretary-General of the party, said the situation with youth was not rosy.

"We have somehow lost our grip on our youth."

It was a mistake to think that young people by joining football and other sporting clubs would automatically become socialist citizens.

"Countries with a capitalist system also have such clubs—yet is a socialist conscience up-kept in them?" he asked.

"OUR TASK"
He said it was the task of Communists "to snatch young people out of the hands of various reactionary, hostile to protect them from a deluge of different Western destructive ideas and influences which are infiltrating into our social life."

Despite a correct line in democratisation of the country, he said, certain "ideas and influences foreign to us began to be felt and are still being felt in a stronger fashion in our country."

This slowed down the development of socialism.

To combat this, President Tito appealed for a "monolithic unity of thought and action of all party members."

He said every party member must act as "an internationalist"—a phrase which observers said had not been commonly employed in Communist terminology here during the years of estrangement from the Soviet Union.

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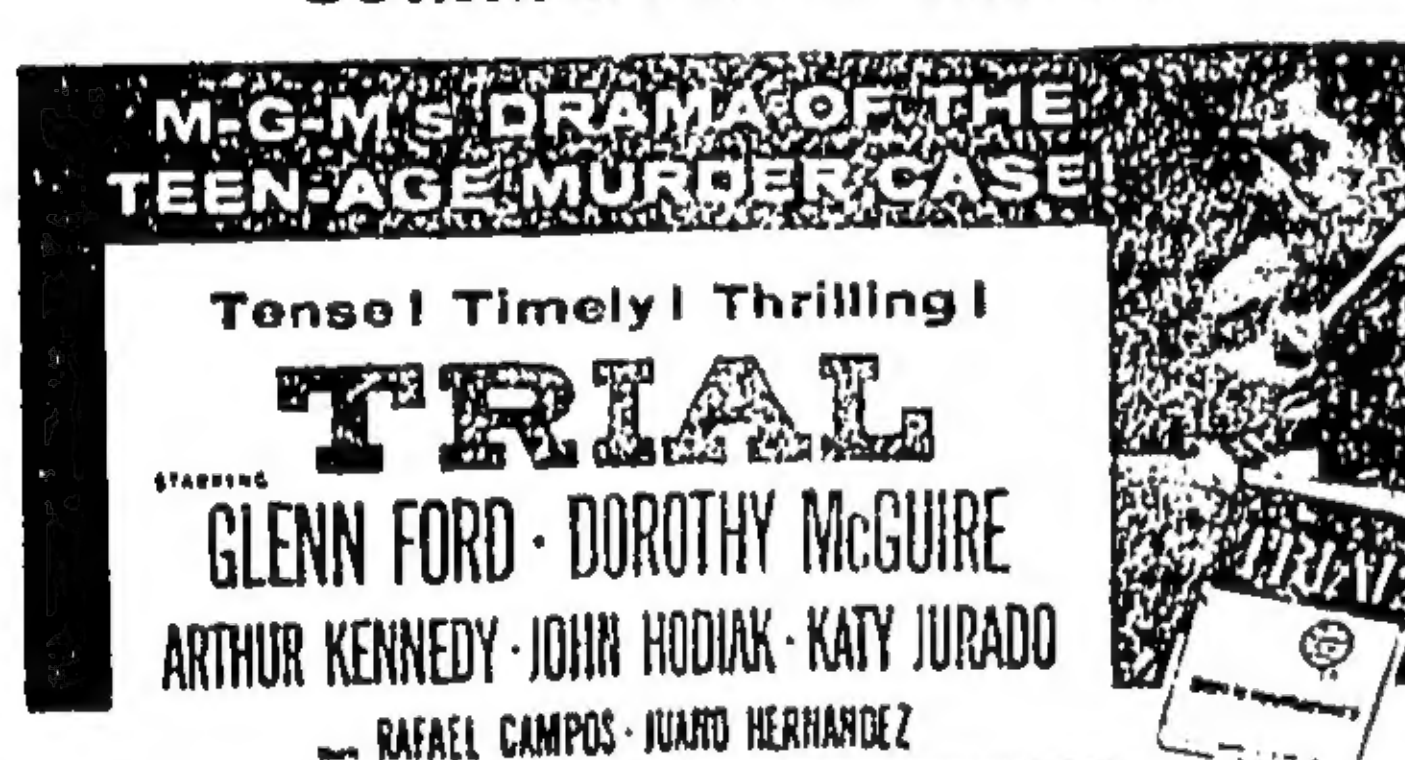
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Sultan Back In Morocco



Landing at Rabat Airport last week following a visit to Paris, where he attended Franco-Moroccan negotiations, is Morocco's Sultan Mohammed V. Picture shows him saluting the flag. Times are still troublesome in Rabat — at least 50 Moroccans are said to have been killed last week during clashes between police and nationalists in the Spanish zone. Express Photo.

Pakistan Republic Bill Passed

London, Mar. 13.
The Pakistan Republic Bill received a second and third reading in the House of Commons this afternoon. It now remains to be approved by the Lords before becoming law.

The bill embodies measures consequential upon the introduction of the new constitution in Pakistan, under which Pakistan will become a republic within the Commonwealth.

Moving the second reading, Commander Allan Noble, Parliamentary Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, said that Britain would continue to co-operate with Pakistan after it

Polish Red Dies Soviet Leaders Form Guard Of Honour

London, Mar. 13.
Top Soviet leaders, headed by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, today formed a guard of honour round the body of Mr. Boleslaw Bierut, Polish Communist Party chief, 63, who died in Moscow last night, Moscow radio reported.

The guard at the Trade Union Hall of Columns, where Mr. Bierut's body lay in state on a catafalque banked by flowers and flags, was provided by members of the Presidium and the secretariat of the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party.

His body will be flown probably tomorrow to Warsaw, where it will lie in state in the building of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers (Communist) Party. — Reuter.

STUNT PILOTS KILLED

Strasbourg, Mar. 13.
Four Canadian pilots who were killed in a four-plane crash near here this month were rehearsing acrobatics for an air show in Rome, investigators disclosed today.

The fliers, all crack stunt men, were diving in close formation when one plane, grazed another and caused the four planes to explode, the investigators said. — France Press.

PLANE FOR PLANE IDEA IS WRONG

**'Tremendous Deterrent
Power Is Fundamental'**

Washington, Mar. 13.
Secretary of Defence Charles E. Wilson today attacked the idea of matching "potential enemies plane for plane, man for man, or ship for ship."

"Our own defence needs must be governed by far more than Soviet statistics," Mr. Wilson said. "The real fundamental is the tremendous deterrent power in military forces today."

"We have today and we will have for the foreseeable future the capability of inflicting vast destruction upon any aggressor anywhere in the world. This capability cannot be thwarted."

Expected Needs

Mr. Wilson said in a speech prepared for a National Press Club luncheon that "We have shifted the defence effort away from arbitrary, unrealistic, short-range goals to long-range objectives adjusted to expected needs."

"It would be a serious error to return to policies that isolate our defence requirements today and collapse them tomorrow," he said. "More specifically, we should not race far ahead today in aircraft production, only to close down the plants tomorrow or so reduce their production that they would importantly lose their competent and efficient organizations."

Lagging Behind

Mr. Wilson's remarks were in answer to Congressional critics who have contended the United States should speed up jet intercontinental bomber production to meet the threat of growing Soviet air power. Critics also contend the United States is lagging behind Russia in development of long-range ballistic missiles. — United Press.

GRONCHI CONFINED TO BED

New York, Mar. 13.
President Gronchi of Italy was confined to bed with a cold today and had to cancel a scheduled visit to the National Atomic Laboratory at Brookhaven on Long Island.

The cold, accompanied by a slight fever, was believed to have been contracted while the President was riding halibut in an open car in a Broadway parade in his honour yesterday.

Other members of his official party, including Foreign Minister Gaetano Martino, made the trip to the laboratory.

President Gronchi is due to end his official visit to the United States tomorrow afternoon when he leaves for Rome by air. — Reuter.

Britons Read More

New York, Mar. 13.
The British read more newspapers in 1954 than anyone else in the world but used up less than half the amount of newspaper consumed in the United States, the United Nations disclosed today.

The 1955 UN statistical yearbook published here showed that there were 570 copies of daily newspapers published for every 1,000 Britons, compared to 450 copies in Sweden, 430 in Norway, 405 in Australia, 400 in Japan and 339 in the United States. — China Mail Special.

India Plans Big Welcome For Mountbatten



Earl Mountbatten

New Delhi, Mar. 13.
The Indian Government is going out of its way to give a special welcome to Earl Mountbatten of Burma, due here tomorrow on a week's visit to India.

As the last Viceroy, he handed over power to Indian hands in 1947 and subsequently became the first Governor-General of an independent India. Indians are hoping for a big turnout which will show the Western world that they do not reserve their enthusiastic welcomes for Communist leaders only.

Lord-speaker vans toured Delhi today calling on citizens to take up their positions in good time at the airport and along the streets through which Lord Mountbatten will drive with Lady Mountbatten to the residence of Dr. R. Prasad, the Indian President. — Reuter.

Sunburned Pineapples

Grahamstown, Mar. 13.
Research is being conducted in Zululand to try to make pineapples ripen before the height of summer, so that they can be grown without becoming sunburned.

Mr. L. J. van Lelyveld, of the Bahurst Agricultural Research Station in Grahamstown, said that if the research is successful Zululand may become South Africa's chief pineapple producing area.

At present the fierce summer heat ruins the pineapple at harvest time. — China Mail Special.

Molotov Sees E. German Envoy

Moscow, Mar. 13.
Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, today had a "long" talk with Herr Johannes Koenig, the East German Ambassador, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported. The agency gave no details of the discussions. — Reuter.

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EARL ALEXANDER VISITS CANADA

Don't Let Middle East Explode

Buenos Aires Badly Hit By Floods

Buenos Aires, Mar. 13. THE southern part of Buenos Aires state has been badly hit by floods, following 48 hours of torrential rain.

All railroads northeast of Bahia Blanca are cut and many villages are isolated by the floodwaters.

Hundreds of head of cattle have been drowned and in many localities, villagers have been forced to seek safety on the roofs of their homes while awaiting rescue.

The Navy has sent sampans to help in the rescue work and though there has been a heavy toll of livestock, no loss of life has been reported.—France-Press.

SNOW IN ITALY

Rome, Mar. 13. Continued snowstorms have cut off many communities in Central Italy, the worst hit being the little village of Castelluccio di Norcia in Umbria. There a wall of snow more than 15 feet high has completely isolated the inhabitants.

In Chieti province in the Abruzzo region, 98 of 102 communities have been cut off and rescue teams composed of military personnel and civilian volunteers have been formed in an attempt to get food, medical supplies and clothes to the villagers.

During today the thermometer never rose above minus 12 degrees Centigrade, the lowest ever recorded in the peninsula.—France-Press.

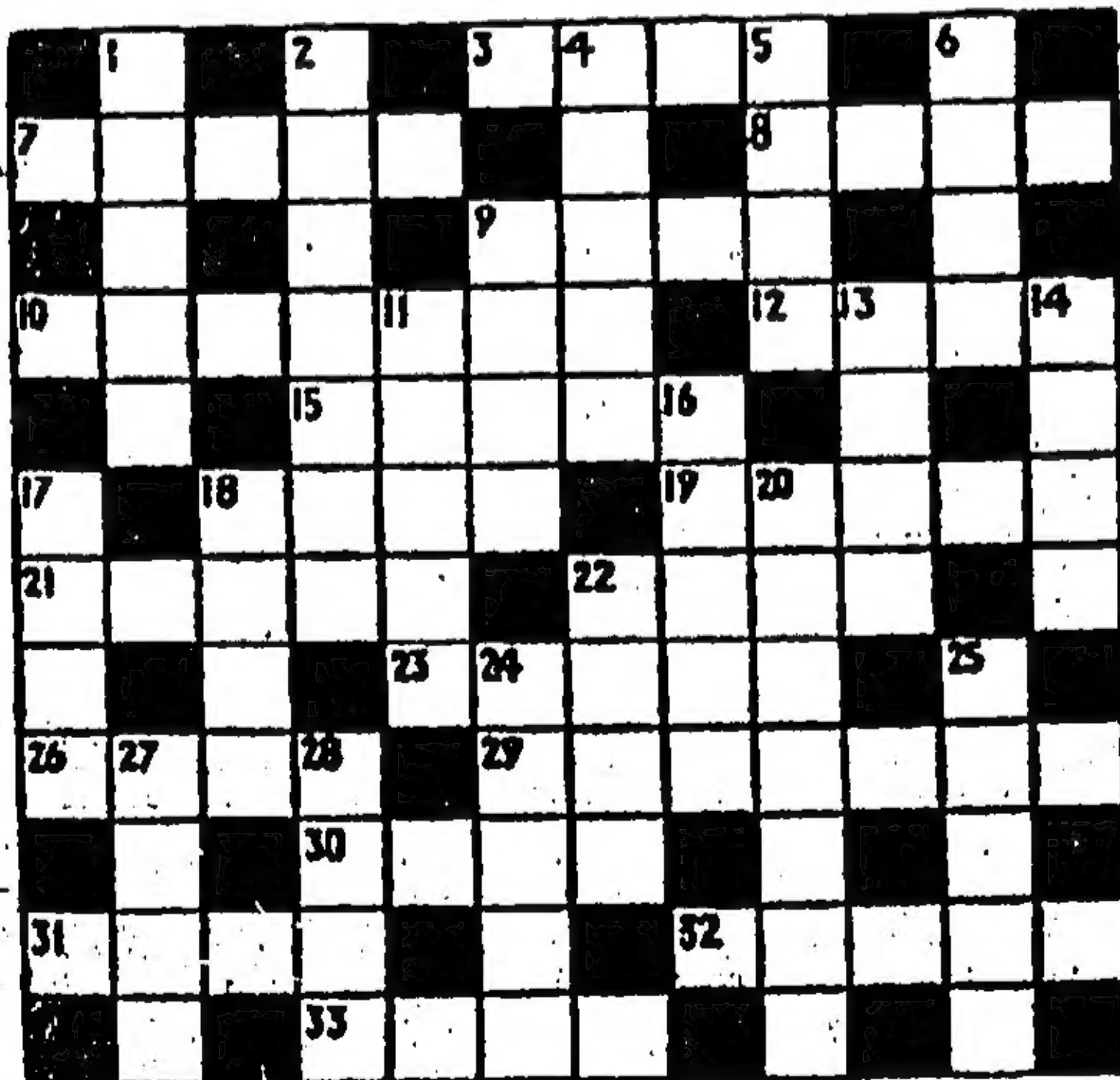
NATO FORCES TO EXERCISE OFF GREECE

Naples, Mar. 13. The Southern European forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation will hold manoeuvres in Greek waters for four days, beginning on Saturday, NATO headquarters announced tonight.

The manoeuvres, first of the year, will consist of a combined submarine and jet bombing attack on battleships of the United States Navy.

British Canberra jet bombers will be used in the attack.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Past (4).
- 7 Indefinite (5).
- 8 Sign (4).
- 9 Bang (4).
- 10 Advance in rank (7).
- 12 Conspiracy (4).
- 15 Angry (5).
- 16 Expensive (4).
- 19 Appointments (5).
- 21 Have confidence in (5).
- 22 Platter (4).
- 23 Sends out (8).
- 24 Insects (4).
- 25 Appoints (7).
- 30 Smug (4).
- 31 Operatic song (4).
- 32 Scatter (5).
- 33 Repose (4).

DOWN

- 1 Ward off (6).
- 2 Mock-ups (7).
- 4 Manservant (5).
- 5 Frolic (4).
- 6 Nought (4).
- 8 Heavenly body (4).
- 11 Speak (5).
- 13 Strip of wood (4).
- 14 Throw up (4).
- 16 Prepares for press (5).
- 17 Wound (4).
- 18 American top (4).
- 20 Helpe (7).
- 21 Flat plain (4).
- 24 Domestic (5).
- 25 Rage (5).
- 27 Goes wrong (4).
- 28 Blemlah (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Affirm, 7 Isle, 9 Cruel, 10 Denon, 11 Urge, 13 Improbable, 15 Add, 16 Spas, 18 Condemned, 22 East, 24 Liver, 25 Erase, 28 Rule, 29 Solitude, 30 Dwarf, 31 Trump, 32 Islop, 4 Medals, 5 Stimulate, 6 Ribs, 8 Bored, 12 Eased, 13 Issue, 14 Resolved, 17 Acids, 18 Unhappy, 20 Dread, 21 Repeat, 23 Alum.

VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE WEST

Montreal, Mar. 13. The West must do everything possible to prevent the Middle Eastern "powder keg" from exploding, Earl Alexander of Tunis said on his arrival from London today.

Rights Of Pathans

Pakistan Endangering Peace

New Delhi, Mar. 13. The Afghan Foreign Minister has said Pakistan's refusal to recognise the rights of Pathans on the Pakistan-Afghan border "will endanger world peace."

The announcement according to an Afghan Embassy press release here said South-east Asian Treaty Organisation policy was against the welfare of the region and an interference with the rights of Pathans which complicated existing tensions.

The statement said Afghanistan would continue to withhold recognition from the Durand Line unless the Pakistan issue was satisfactorily settled.

Foreign ministers of the eight SEATO nations said in a communiqué issued after their Karachi talks last week that they recognise the Durand Line as Pakistan's frontier with Afghanistan.—Reuter.

Sultan Invited To Madrid

Rabat, Mar. 13. The Spanish Government has invited the Sultan of Morocco, Sidi Mohammed ben Youssef, to visit Madrid, it was learned from official sources here today.

The invitation was made during a talk between the Moroccan Premier, Si Bekkai, and the Spanish Consul-General, M. Alcover.

Si Bekkai passed on the invitation to the Sultan, but no reply has yet been made.—France-Press.

The former Governor-General of Canada said, however, that every day of peace in the Middle East improved the chances of avoiding a hot war.

He said the area was of tremendous importance to the West and particularly to the United Kingdom, which depended on Middle East oil. "At present it is like a powder keg and we must do everything to prevent an explosion," said Lord Alexander. "The trouble between the Arabs and the Israelis is bound to cause a good deal of friction for a long time, but one hopes that it will not lead to war."—United Press.

NATO Strong Enough When Germany Armed

Ottawa, Mar. 13. The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation is not yet strong enough to defend Western Europe, General Alfred Gruenther, Allied Supreme Commander in Europe, told the Canadian Club here today.

"The Soviet aggression of power is the strongest in the history of the world," he said.

When Germany was armed, in another three or four years NATO would be able to prevent the overwhelming of Western Europe, the General added. In the meantime, however, Europe was not at the mercy of a Soviet attack. Even if Russia could overrun Europe it would lose the war because of the West's offensive air power.—Reuter.

Eden Not Going To Paris

London, Mar. 13. It was authoritatively stated here today that Sir Anthony Eden, the British Prime Minister, had no immediate plans to go to Paris to return the visit made to London last weekend by M. Mollet, the French Premier.

Possibility of a visit to Paris by Sir Anthony had been reported from Paris today.—Reuter.

Paris, Mar. 13. Thieves last night stole a police van from in front of the Paris famous Chateaux Midi military prison, it was announced today.

The announcement said the van had been empty when stolen.—France-Press.

European Integration

Brussels, Mar. 13. M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, tonight described new integration.

He asked the Common Assembly of the six-nation coal and steel pool to support the atomic energy pool project known as "Euratom", and a plan for a common market free of internal customs duties and trade restrictions.

M. Spaak announced that the six foreign ministers would be able to meet late in May to make a final decision on the plans before the drafting and signing of a treaty.

Spells Doom

But he warned that to give preference to another atomic integration plan would mean that "our fight for a United Europe" would immediately become an interval squabble.

"After failure to achieve economic union it would doom us," he said. "Another atomic integration plan would mean that 'our fight for a United Europe' would immediately become an interval squabble."—Reuter.



Earl Alexander

American Churchmen See Russian Archbishop

Moscow, Mar. 13. A GROUP of nine American churchmen began talks here today with Archbishop Nikolai, of the Russian Orthodox Church, on the possibilities of co-operation between the Russian and American churches in the cause of peace.

Archbishop Nikolai represented Patriarch Alexius, head of the Russian Orthodox Church. The Americans handed the Archbishop a statement saying the United States Protestant churches considered it was an urgent necessity to reduce armaments and to work for the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

UNAVOIDABLE

The statement added that until there was trustworthy international control of armaments, it was unavoidable that the United States should maintain an "adequate military establishment."

It strongly criticised the World Peace Council, of which the Russian Orthodox Church is a member, for its "inaccurate" charges that American churches were controlled by millionaires.

Archbishop Nikolai is understood to have replied that times had changed, that American and Russian churches were fully independent and that past misunderstandings would not be repeated.—France-Press.

Sudan-Soviet Embassies

Khartoum, Mar. 13. The Sudan and the Soviet Union have agreed to exchange diplomatic representation at Embassy level, it was announced here today.

The agreement was reached with the Counselor of the Soviet Embassy in Cairo who is now visiting Khartoum. The Sudan, which became an independent and sovereign state last year, has embassies in Cairo, London, Washington and Addis Ababa.—Reuter.

RC Priests In Mines Says Radio

Minich, Mar. 13. More than 100 Roman Catholic priests are working as slave labourers in Communist Czechoslovakia's uranium mines, Radio Free Europe said today.

Quoting a former inmate of the labour camp at the Jachymov mines, the anti-Communist radio said between 100 and 200 priests were held in the mines, and another 20 imprisoned at Kartouxy, near Prague.

The radio said the work in the mines was dangerous because no medical services were provided to prevent miners from lung infections and silicosis, from the dust.—United Press.

STALIN COMMEMORATED IN NATIVE GEORGIA

But Moscow Closing Exhibition Of Gifts

Moscow, Mar. 13. The third anniversary of Stalin's death on March 5, ignored in Moscow, was marked by a memorial meeting and by newspaper tributes in Stalin's native Republic of Georgia, it was reported today. The Georgian newspaper Zarya Vostoka (Dawn of the East) for last Friday, which reached Moscow today, carried a three-column photograph of Stalin, together with Lenin, and a three-column editorial headed: "Third Anniversary of the Death of Stalin."

The anniversary was not mentioned by Pravda and other central Moscow newspapers and there has not been any mention of commemorations anywhere except in Georgia.

In view of the current campaign against the "cult of personality," observers in Moscow were intrigued by the amount of attention given to the anniversary in Georgia. They said it was a mystery why the Georgian newspaper heisted five days before noting the anniversary. The commemorative issue appeared on March 9.

No Explanation

There was no explanation for the steps but it was noted that the Georgian Communist leaders waited for instructions from Moscow on how the anniversary was to be handled in a Republic with which Stalin had been particularly associated for many years, and where he was born.

The Zarya Vostoka editorial referred to Stalin as "an outstanding pupil" of Lenin. It described him as "one of the greatest revolutionaries" and "an outstanding Marxist who profoundly understood the Marxist-Leninist theory."

Continuous View

At the same time the Soviet Government is closing the exhibition of gifts sent to Stalin on his 70th birthday in 1949, which have been on continuous view ever since, it was reported today.

The gifts, numbering several hundreds, were reduced to a large representative selection after Stalin's death in 1953, and these have been on show in Moscow's Revolutionary Museum since then.

Shortly after the recent Communist Party Congress, at which Stalin's "cult of personality" was attacked, changes began to be made. Many of the most obvious gifts were removed, while others have been re-labelled, omitting any reference to Stalin.

Antarctic Islands Discovered

London, Mar. 13. British explorers have discovered several new islands in Antarctica and have set up British bases on two of them, the Colonial Office announced today.

One of the new islands is located on the Antarctic Circle near the coast of "Loubet", an area which was named by members of the expedition, officials said.

The other base lies on an island near another newly christened area, the "Dane" coast. Both bases are off the west coast of Grahamland, the officials said. The discoverers, members of the British Geodetic Services in the Falkland Islands, arrived in the newly-found island groups aboard the British hydrographic survey vessels John Biscoe and Shackleton.—France-Press.

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'Tokyo Rose' Told To Leave U.S.

Chicago, Mar. 13. Mrs. Uva D'Aquino, better known as "Tokyo Rose", was ordered today by the State Department to leave the country by April 13 or face deportation proceedings. Mrs. D'Aquino, who was convicted for making broadcasts from Tokyo during World War Two and served a term of imprisonment in a Federal prison, was born in Los Angeles. She was paroled in January and has been living since with her family in Chicago.—France-Press.

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MIXED DOUBLES FINALISTS



George Ma and Miss Mary Wong (left), who won the Colony Junior Mixed Doubles badminton title, pictured before the match with Mrs Selina Silva and Wong Wai-hung at the Indian Recreation Club last night. Ma and Miss Wong won 15-8, 18-13.—China Mail Photo.

YESTERDAY'S SOFTBALL

Taiwan Girls Trounce Combined Chinese By A 14-3 Score

By "TIME OUT"

At King's Park yesterday, before a packed stand of schoolgirls, the Ching Hsui Girls' softball team trounced Willie Woo's Combined Chinese 14-3 as Lin Fong-tsu, on the mound for the winners, limited the Chinese batters to four scattered hits. In their fourth straight win here over two weeks the visitors spared no quarter and scored in every inning except their last.

Spearheading the eight-hit barrage on losing hurler Kwan Yip-ching, captain-pitcher Lin Fong-tsu of Taiwan collected two hits in her five trips to the plate while batter Shea Man-shan paced her with a ringing triple in the third frame.

With the local girls going scoreless in the opening chapter, the visitors shot ahead with two tallies in their half. An infield bungle gave lead-off batter Yu Mei-nui a life while a steal and another miscue paved her way to third. Shortstop Hsu A-hua then punched a single through the windy alley for Taiwan's first run. Catching the opposition flatfooted, Hsu pilfered third and later denoted the rubber on a wild pitch.

The second chapter saw the local Chinese girls fight their way back into the game with one run as L. W. Chan obtained a life on a fumble, advanced on a wild throw and cleared the rubber on a dropped fly.

Pulling away again, the visitors pushed in another pair of runs as their shaky opponents blended their miscues with the wild throws of pitcher Kwan Yip-ching.

With bases brimming and only one out, the Combined Chinese squad masterfully clinched their worries with a brilliant twin kill to retire the side.

Pulling down Lee Chia's fly ball to leftfield, outfielder Yim Lai-hsing rifled it home to catch Yu Mei-nui on the slide amidst the thunderous applause of the local fans.

TWIN-KILLING

Not to be outdone, the visitors also pulled off a twin-killing in the third when third-sacker Lee Chia picked up C. Y. Lam's grounder, nailed L. S. Yim at the plate and a fast relay back to first by catcher Shea Man-shan erased Lam for the second out.

Not loosening up for a minute, the bottom of the third saw the visitors piling on four more runs. Batting one-two, Chang Shue-han and L. C. Wang obtained successive lives to bases as short-

FINGER-PRINTS PROBLEM

Soviet Strongmen Will Not Visit US As Planned

Paris, Mar. 13. A team of Soviet weightlifters have refused to have finger-prints taken for American entry visa formalities and will not visit the United States as planned. This news agency reported from Moscow tonight.

The Soviet strongmen were invited to America by the US Amateur Weightlifters Union, for a "friendly" match against American weightlifters. The Soviet Weightlifters Association have asked the American Embassy in Moscow to dispense the athletes from the finger-print formalities. The Embassy refused.

Tass said the Soviet weightlifters had informed the American Union that they "deeply regretted" being unable to "take part in the friendly match."—France-Press.

LAST NIGHT'S BADMINTON

GEORGE MA ALMOST CERTAIN OF TRIPLE CHAMPIONSHIP

By "TOUCHWOOD"

One dismal failure, just one more attempt and success came yesterday evening to Craigengower Cricket Club schoolboy shuttler George Ma with a resounding bang when he won not only the Colony Junior Singles title but rounded off the night by pocketing the Junior Mixed Doubles title as well in the Hongkong Badminton Association Junior Championships finals held at the Indian Recreation Club.

George Ma won his first title when he beat clubmate Wong Wai-hung in a 45-minute duel to win at 15-9, 12-15, 15-9. Returning to the court after a 15 minute respite, Ma in partnership with Miss Mary Wong subdued his singles adversary, Wong Wai-hung, and Mrs Selina Silva to win the Junior Mixed Doubles title in two sets at 15-8, 18-13.

Schoolboy Ma, who is also in the Junior Doubles final, looks set to become the Colony triple champion and, judging by his current form, he should have no difficulty in winning his third title.

Ma partners Wong Wai-hung and one doesn't have to look any further to name the 1956 Junior Doubles Champions as the combination of Manfred Kun and Z. A. Abbas is not up to the class of George Ma and Wong.

In the third final of the night, Chinese YMCA's Miss Cinder Ho realised her ambition when she conquered Craigengower Cricket Club's Miss Mary Wong to win the Ladies Junior Singles title. Miss Ho had things her way from the first service to the last to win with plenty to spare at 11-2, 11-3.

In the Men's Junior Singles final, Wong Wai-hung, who started as favourite, did not live up to expectations. Wong was uncertain with his baseline shot, his smash was so feeble that instead of giving him the points it often had him on the wrong foot when George Ma returned with ease.

PICTURE OF CONFIDENCE

On the opposite court George Ma was a picture of confidence. At every stroke and at each rally it was always Wong on the losing side. Ma dictated the pace for most of the three sets and his only fault last night was with his net play which was a stage nearly cost him the title.

Ma made the mistake of playing the net when his opponent was right before him and his cross court shots often than not hit the net cord to roll over to his own side.

Wong Wai-hung has himself to blame for not winning the singles title. With a com-

manding 13-9 lead in the second set, he fell to pieces as the game progressed and it was sheer luck that he romped home to win the set at 15-12.

Ma came within reach of beating him in straight sets when he reeled off point after point until the score read 12-13, but here a lob out by George Ma ended his hopes for a short cut victory.

It took four services in the opening set before George Ma scored his first point with a lucky net cord drop shot. A smash, Wong's backhand, a push at net to an empty space in mid-court took the score to 3-0. Wong smashed out at half court to give his opponent another point.

A wood shot at this stage by George Ma earned Wong Wai-hung his first point and no further points came his way until Ma had raced further ahead 5-2. Fortunes changed when Ma took an outcourt return at base and with Ma rattled with his mistake, Wong closed the gap to 5-6.

It was 7-7, 8-8 and then for the first time Wong took a 9-8 lead but this lasted only a minute for with the next service George Ma took a 12-9 to finally win at 15-9.

CHANGED TACTICS

Wong changed his tactics in the second set. Instead of playing a forceful game, he resorted to the lob and drop, an occasional smash and, as a finishing touch, he forced Ma to the net to reel off 13 points in next to no time.

When it appeared that this set would end in a love game, George Ma surprised everyone present as he outboxed, outsmashed and outmanoeuvred Wong in a drawn out rally for supremacy.

From 1-13, Ma came within two points of winning in straight sets, but a backhand flick which sailed inches out saved Wong. Two drop shots by George Ma at base into the net took the game to the rubber.

The final set was almost a foregone conclusion as Wong Wai-hung continuously lobbed out or smashed the shuttle into the net. Ma collected four points in a row, jumped ahead to 6-0 before his opponent took a point when Ma noticed.

At the change of courts at 8-3, there was only one player in the picture and that was George Ma who reeled off the next seven points for set and match at 15-9. The Mixed Doubles final was a disappointing affair. Ma and Miss Mary Wong did not really

put their best into this two-set match and the scores of 15-8 and 18-13 were not as indicative of a close struggle as the figures suggest.

In the Ladies' Singles final it was an uncertain Miss Mary Wong who faced Miss Cinder Ho. Miss Wong, who was beaten last year in the final by Miss Diana Yung, doesn't seem to have improved very much and the same fight shot put up against Cinder Ho was ample proof that she has yet a lot to learn before the Junior Singles title will come her way.

THE RESULTS

Men's Junior Singles Final: George Ma beat Wong Wai-hung 15-9, 12-15, 15-9.

Ladies' Junior Singles Final: Miss Cinder Ho beat Miss Mary Wong 11-2, 11-3.

Mixed Doubles Final: George Ma and Miss Mary Wong beat Wong Wai-hung and Mrs Selina Silva 15-8, 18-13.

TOMORROW

At 10 p.m. — Men's Junior Doubles Final—George Ma and Wong Wai-hung v. Manfred Kun and Z. A. Abbas.

8.45 p.m. — Ladies' Junior Doubles Final—Misses Mary Wong and Betty Yung v. Misses Chui Yuen-chun and Connie Yung.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Russia Intends To Compete In All Events

Darwin, Mar. 13. Soviet Union sportsmen are expected to compete in every event of the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, said the three Soviet Olympic delegates who arrived here today on their way to Melbourne.

The three delegates—M. Peslyak, Vice-Chairman of the Soviet Olympic Games Committee, Z. Khomenkov, coach for track and field events, and Y. Smirnov, Olympic Games official—were to investigate accommodation and facilities for the Olympic Games.

Peslyak said his country would send a 600 strong party to the Games, including 450 athletes, the first of which will arrive in Melbourne at the beginning of November.

Peslyak added: "We think we will take part in all events on the programme, including hockey, which we had not thought of for Helsinki. We will do all that is possible to win gold medals and set up new world records. We will make every effort to do better than we did at Helsinki. Our sportsmen have been training since Helsinki."

The Vice-Chairman then explained that Soviet athletes had been training two or three hours daily and others for four hours, depending on the event. Asked what events the Soviets expected to win, he replied: "You know what gold medals we won at Helsinki. Some of our athletes have reached a very high standard."

The three Soviet officials who are all athletes but have not competed in Olympic Games, are the first Soviets to enter Australia since the Soviet Union severed diplomatic relations with Australia over the Petrov case. —France-Press.

Pompey Beats Moses Ward In Seven Rounds

Yolande Pompey of Trinidad, who meets Archie Moore for the World Light-Heavyweight title in June, beat Moses Ward of the United States, who retired at the end of the seventh round. Ward had taken terrific punishment in the seventh round. He was down for a count of nine and then took more heavy punishment before the end of the round.

For the first four rounds it had been a hard, relentless slugfest, but there was less action in the fifth and sixth rounds. Then came Pompey's final onslaught in the seventh round. There were still three rounds to go when Ward retired.—Rout.

HKRA Practice Shoot Results

The Hongkong Rifle Association carried out another practice shoot at Kai Tak Range at 200, 500 and 600 yards last Sunday which was attended by about 30 members. The spoon winners were: Wong Bor, B. Gollevsky, J. H. Stanbury, A. C. Whyte and G. Anderson. The following are the full results of the shoot:

S.R.(b)	Class	"A"	200	500	600	Total
Wong Bor	32	31	31	94		
Wm K. Y. Eu	33	29	29	91		
Y. H. Chan	32	29	29	90		
A. E. Clarke	29	29	29	87		
J. Morgan	29	29	29	87		
Wahel Wong	29	29	29	87		
M. C. P.	29	29	29	87		
Lai Hung-sang	30	29	27	86		
B. Gollevsky	30	29	27	86		
F. C. Ko	29	29	28	86		
Ng Wai-ki	29	29	28	86		
Margalee Lau	29	29	28	86		
Class "C"						
A. C. Whyte	29	27	28	84		
J. Grant	29	27	28	84		
Class "B"						
G. Anderson	32	31	27	90		
K. H. Evans	32	31	27	90		
Class "A"						
G. Anderson	30	29	27	86		
W. H. Clayton	30	29	27	86		
M. C. Davis	29	29	28	86		
M. C. Menner	29	29	28	86		
J. N. Glazier	29	29	28	86		
B. Marshall	29	29	28	86		
B. G. Hawthorn	29	29	28	86		
M. G. Costure	29	29	28	86		
J. Wood	29	29	28	86		
B. L. Cox	29	29	28	86		
Class "D"						
The next practice shoot will be held at Kai Tak Range on Sunday, April 1, commencing at 8 a.m. Firing will be at 200, 500 and 600 yards and spoons will again be awarded to the best score in each class.						

JUNIOR SINGLES CHAMPION



Craigengower Cricket Club schoolboy shuttler George Ma stole the show at the Hongkong Badminton Association Junior Championships last night when he won the Junior Singles and Mixed Doubles titles.

Ma won his first title by beating Wong Wai-hung 15-9, 12-15, 15-9 and then partnered Miss Mary Wong to beat Wong and Mrs Selina Silva in the Mixed Doubles final by 15-8, 18-13. — China Mail Photo.

RUGBY PREVIEW

England Should Win Calcutta Cup—Scots Lack Adaptability

Says J. R. WATKINS

England take an unchanged team to Murrayfield on March 17. They should bring back the Calcutta Cup. Why do I tip England to win? Because the Scots lack adaptability.

Scotland's ruthless pack, which fought so gallantly against the Irish in Dublin recently, has one idea—to drive forward and through with the ball at their feet. They haven't so far shown any aptitude for improvising to suit the conditions. It is the old fashioned foot-rush or nothing.

This is not the forwards' fault. Scotland lack the players in mid-field to take advantage of the monopoly of the ball their pack can gain for them.

Their backs just aren't good enough. England, on the other hand, have the backs to capitalise on a monopoly of the ball, plus loose forwards who can run better with it than any of the three Scots mid-field backs.

Add to that a pack that is every bit as good as the Scots, and one can visualise a tough man-to-man forward scrap. But unless England allow themselves to be knocked off their game by those hectic Scottish rushes, I cannot foresee anything other than an English victory.

It is quite a change—a pleasant one—for England to feel satisfied with the same team for a run of matches. But this is the same side that took 20 points off the Irish and which was deprived by the weather of a match in France.

The French match will now take place on April 14. The postponement certainly appears to give France a better chance of victory on a hard ground and

Sports Diary

ASP and OC Council meeting, Sports Club, King's Building, at 5.30 p.m.

Semi-final of Colony Grasscourt doubles championships (bottom half). School championships at COC commencing at 8 p.m.

Colony Grasscourt, Singles final at 10.00.

Entries close for the Colony Senior Championships. Colony Junior Championships at 10.00, 8.15 p.m. Golf Qualifying round for Barry Cup, Shek-O.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

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To the Editor, China Mail.

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THE GAMBOLS



by Barry Appleby





On sheer merit we could quite easily extend the Top Spot three quarters of the way down the column this week but, after due thought, let us welcome the members of the Army South cricket team back to the place of honour in recognition of their regaining the leadership of the Colony League.

The standard of cricket played in the League this season has been so good that a single reverse has been sufficient to topple leaders from their precarious perch. The competition has been exhilarating and exciting, and never has the uncertainty of the grand old game been better demonstrated than in the present tournament.

Army South — with two good victories at the week-end — have fought their way back to the leadership at a crucial stage. In racing purr, one might say that they have got their nose in front coming into the home straight, but the winning post is still some way off, and South will find strong challengers ready to make the most of even the slightest stumble. Nevertheless, they have done well in making up for lost ground, and there is good reason for confidence that they can hold their lead and regain the coveted trophy from Kowloon Cricket Club.

ACCOMPLISHED ATHLETE

Army athletes have been much in prominence during the week-end and the popular Essex Regiment runner, Lieut. Keith Burch, gets top billing on account of his brilliant Colony record-breaking run in the Open Mile at the RAMC Meeting last Thursday, several other soldiers have also turned in top class performances. Main talk in athletic circles these last few days has concerned the skill and versatility of Capt. John Hunter of the RAMC. In his own Corps sports this accomplished athlete won the 100 yards, 220 yards, the Long Jump and the High Jump as well as getting a place in the discus.

Appearing in the HKAAA team at the week-end Capital Hunter won the High Jump, claimed second place in the Long Jump and in the 110 Yard Step and Jump, and was finally placed third in the 220 yards hurdles.

This is surely athletic versatility at its best and one can only wonder what he might achieve if he could spare the time for some really intensive training.

Keith Burch was again in the forefront during this Triangular Meeting with victories in the 440 yds and 880 yds events, while Royal Artillery star Bruce Tulloh turned in a very workmanlike performance to win the One Mile run.

RAMBLERS

While we get most of our reports for this column from organized sporting events we are always glad to hear of achievements and plans of "free-lance" individuals and groups.

I make this reminder because I have just received news of some young soldiers who have decided to get their recreation and also build up a closer acquaintance with the Colony by walking over its roads and hills each week-end and at such other times as the opportunity presents itself. One of their number tells me they are deriving the greatest possible pleasure and enjoyment from their efforts, and have already visited many interesting places.

Walking and rambling is a fine way of spending the week-end and those who are interested would be well advised to get down to it before the hot weather starts.

The annual dinner of the Army Football Association will be held at the Volunteer Centre on Monday, March 20 and it is anticipated that a large and distinguished gathering will assemble for what is regarded in many places as one of the most important social functions on the sporting calendar.

When 25 Field Regiment RA were in the Colony they had a very active team in the local football competition and, while the Gunners were never seriously regarded as pennant possibilities, the fact that they played at all was a source of considerable pleasure to the competition organisers. At present there is no Army team playing on the diamond at King's Park but judging by the number of military folks in the big crowd, last week-end the game has not by any means lost its appeal.

CALDBECK CUP

There has been a late change in the arrangements for the semi-final of the Caldbeck Cup and those soccer followers who wish to see the clash between

IN THE NEW AGE—ONLY TOP CLUBS SURVIVE

League Must Think Of Sunday Soccer

Says MATT BUSBY

(MANAGER OF MANCHESTER UNITED)

I don't think the missing millions have vanished off the face of the earth. They are still there. But whereas in the old days they flocked to buy football wares, in the New Age football must now go out and convince them that the wares are worth buying.

Football attendances generally are getting back to an honest level, that of the mid-thirties, when only a local "derby" or a Cup tie would push the crowds up around the 50,000 mark.

The one thing that will bring in the crowd and fill the ground is a skillful, successful team, because the entire range of activities on which people spend their leisure time, from hiking to horse-back-riding and back again, has expanded enormously.

Yet our organisation puts so many obstacles in the way of finding such a team. Football in England is not a test of skill. It is a test of endurance. Forty-two matches spread over nine months is a cruel load for the League footballer to bear.

The League structure demands that in the first four weeks of the season we have to play 10 or a dozen matches, more than a quarter of the entire programme. We have to run when we should be walking.

The pressure is tremendous. Injuries to only two players in this period can so strike a club that for the rest of that season it cannot hope to compete for honours.

And at the end of that time the pattern of each Division is set. For two-thirds of the clubs the rest of the season is a formality of playing matches and picking up points as they come.

Please, please, don't think I am smug because my club, Manchester United, happen to lead the First Division at the moment. I am not. I know too well that things happen fast in this game.

Then we plunge into a concentration of fixtures at Christmas, dreadful weather in January and February, complicated by Cup fixtures, and a scramble of mid-week matches get through the programme by the end of April.

The whole pattern is too involved, the burden is just too much to hope for sustained quality football from the players.

HEARTENING

The fact that the management committee have published a plan is heartening. It shows that they are alive to our problems. But they merely nibble at them. They try to stop a crack in the dam with children's putty.

My ideas are more radical, because I am convinced that RADICAL CHANGES must be made.

1. WE must reduce the First and Second Divisions. I feel that 18 clubs, 34 matches, is an ample programme. That would cut out all mid-week matches.

2. WE must seriously consider having another competition. If you repeated last Saturday's Cup programme as League matches the attendance would

Ron Barton Wins British Vacant Cruiserweight Title

London, Mar. 13. Ron Barton (Westham) won the vacant British Cruiserweight title at Harringay arena here tonight when his opponent, Albert Finch (Croydon), retired in the eighth round.

A badly gashed eye brought about Finch's retirement halfway through the fifteen rounds bout.

Barton, 23 years old and having his 22nd fight as a professional, was well worth his win but Finch, 29 years old "veteran" of nearly 100 bouts, was gallant in defeat.

Only his great experience and ringcraft saved him in the early rounds against the dynamic punching of his young opponent.

Finch weathered Barton's crisp left and right hooks until the sixth round when a thundering right burst his left eye brow.

A groggy Finch, on the verge of being knocked out, threw everything into a dramatic seventh round and twice forced Barton to his knees, but the effort was too much and Barton was able to box his way out of trouble.

he halved. The Cup grips public interest.

So we could have a League Cup, on Scottish lines, with clubs grouped, then playing off the finals. It would be a money-spinner and sharpen public interest.

3. WE must change the status of the Third Division. Try as I will, I cannot see the Third Division, by any name, carrying on. The country just cannot sustain so many League clubs.

I understand the Third Division was formed from clubs from the Lancashire, Central and Southern Leagues. I am quite healthy organisations. I'm sure they will have to revert to that, under League administration, with exclusively part-time players.

4. WE must have a break in the dead of winter. I agree with Stanley Cullis. We could break for six weeks in January and February, again in July and August.

To play any games in current weather is stupid, and to play Cup ties at this time makes the FA Cup even more of a lottery than it is.

5. WE must recognise that football has always been cheap entertainment. We must decide now if we can fairly charge the public more for it.

Ice And Jungle

By HENRY LONGHURST

One of the indisputable characteristics of the Scottish race is that, though the municipal golfers of Glasgow may be staging a month's strike—by a coincidence the month least suitable to golf—against a charge of a florin per round instead of a shilling, nothing can prevent their brethren from carving out golf courses in the farthest distant parts of the world in places designed by providence, one would have thought, for almost any other purpose.

In sand and desert, boulders, jungle and snow there are at this moment energetic Scotsmen scratching away at the surface of the earth with their nibblers.

Two instances have recently come my way, both from friends last met in Singapore. One, an ex-brigadier doctor, settled there after a distinguished military career in Burma, to seek his fortune in Canada. His present practice in Alberta encompasses several thousand square miles, and among his patients are isolated Eskimos of the Western Arctic. Landing to visit them on some barren, inhospitable island the other day and clambering over the rocks and ice, he looked down and beheld, of all things, a golf ball.

INTRIGUING ITEM

The Golfers' Handbook carries an intriguing item, entitled "Balls in strange places." These include the car of a donkey, somebody's drawing-room fire via the chimney, and the nests of wasps, larks, solar geese, pheasants and squirrels. Blame, though they may be, "Arctic balls" in strange places. These include the car of a donkey, somebody's drawing-room fire via the chimney, and the nests of wasps, larks, solar geese, pheasants and squirrels. Blame, though they may be, "Arctic balls" in strange places. These include the car of a donkey, somebody's drawing-room fire via the chimney, and the nests of wasps, larks, solar geese, pheasants and squirrels. Blame, though they may be, "Arctic balls" in strange places.

The answer, of course, was—Scotland. The number of holes had coincided with the number of members: three holes, two Scottish engineers and a Jesuit priest.

By these standards the Christmas Island Golf Club in the Indian Ocean is almost a tropical St. Andrews. Here the inhabitants consist mainly of 2,000 Chinese, and 37 Australians, of whom 35 were so ignorant, until twelve months ago, as to have played golf. The arrival of another Scottish engineer, Mr. Frank MacRae, soon corrected this lamentable state of affairs and within a matter of weeks the Europeans, having done their day's work for the Phosphate Company, were to be seen with bulldozers, and axes clearing nine holes in the jungle.

My informant, a Singapore police officer visiting Christmas Island on an official mission, was much impressed with the results of their efforts. "It is in a lovely position," he says, "with the sea and a 100-foot cliff on one side and dense jungle on the other."

"Great big trees, wheel around you while you are playing."

OLYMPIC "POSSIBLE" IN ACTION



Ploughing through the water at Stoke Newington Baths is Britain's 13-year-old National Junior Freestyle Champion, Christina Barry, who is one of the swimmers named by the SAS as possibles for this year's Olympic Games in Melbourne. —Central Press Photo.

BOXING'S NEW GLAMOUR BOY

He Fights Like Marciano—And He's British

By ALAN HOBY

Once in a while, out of the rack and muck of boxing, a fighter emerges in the Dempsey-Marciano mould—the born "killer" and mighty puncher who closes the gates and stops the traffic.

Today in Britain I believe we have a boxer of this breed. His name is Richard Alexander Richardson, the young Welsh Hercules who is rapidly becoming the new Heavyweight glamour-boy of the ring.

Frankly, when you stop to assess the facts, the rise of Richardson from Newport, better known to his hordes of followers, of course, as Dick—little short of fantastic.

GRIM TRADE

During the past 18 months Lesley has spent an average of four days a week teaching the eager Richardson the ground-work of his grim trade.

He has also taught him how to pick his openings and not rush in like a bantam bull—in short, to curb his fighting

fury until the right moment for the "clincher" arrives. The rest is up to Richardson—the instinctive fighter who still has a lot to learn. He won't go far wrong, however, if he copies a guy called Rocky Marciano—a guy who NEVER stops training and NEVER gets a swollen head... a guy whose whole life is dedicated to the proposition that he is the best heavy-weight in the world. —(London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

Yet here he is, at 21, getting £3,500 or 30 per cent of the gate to fight the unbeaten Erskine at Minsky Stadium, Cardiff, in two months' time. Not bad for a "novice" who just over a year ago was paid £17 10s. for one fight.

How has it been done? What makes this promoter clamour for the services of the best Heavyweight prospect they have seen for years?

Is it the way he reacts to punishment—like a tiger? Is it his punch? Sixteen of his 17 winning fights have ended by a KO or technical knock-out.

SUPERB PHYSIQUE

Is it the superb physique of this 6ft. 2in., 14st. 2½lb. man with the rippling shoulder muscles and 18½in. neck?

All play their part, of course. Yet none of these gifts would have availed without the cagey "corner" work and long-term planning of Richardson's manager, Wally Lesley.

An ex-fighter himself, Lesley knows all the pitfalls of the fight game. "I expect Richardson to knock Erskine out on May 1," he told me. "But even if he does he won't box for any titles or eliminations this year."

"Richardson is a world-beater—but he has got to be brought along slowly and carefully."

"He is still not fully matured. Obviously, with his powerful punching he might beat any of the Champions inside 10 rounds."

Nationalist China's Soccer Team To Train Here

Singapore, Mar. 13. Nationalist China has invited three soccer players from Singapore and a similar number from the Federation of Malaya for preliminary training in Hongkong.

This was disclosed by Mr. Choo Kwai Low, Hon. Secretary of the Singapore Chinese Football Association.

Mr. Choo said the names of the players must be submitted to Hongkong before March 20 and those chosen will leave for the British Colony on April 10. The names of the players were not disclosed, but Nationalist China is keen to have the services of goalkeeper Chiu Chue-ang.

Mr. Choo said the Singapore Chinese Football Association is meeting on March 19 and the Malayan Chinese Football Association a day earlier to consider the invitations. —United Press.



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Spain Overhauling Defences

GREAT ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED STATES

By Henry Buckley

Madrid, Mar. 13.

Spain is overhauling her defence arrangements as fast as American aid and her own budgetary resources allow.

Jet planes are being built at Seville. 26 ships of the Spanish navy are to be modernised, the army has received tanks and anti-aircraft artillery and it is recruiting young men for regular service in technical units.

Recently, the 122nd ship with military supplies from the United States, landed 10,000 howitzer 105mm shells at Santander. The first of these 122 shipments was brought by SS Northwestern Victory on February 15, 1954.

NAVAL BASE

Work is going ahead on the three joint Spanish-American air bases at Torroja, Sagunto and Moron, and it is hoped that by the end of this year their runways will be complete so that they will be available for emergency use.

The new naval base at Rota, just across the bay from Cadiz, is the biggest job and will take some time.

The United States will also install storage depots for 1-1 Sixth Fleet at the main Spanish naval bases of Ferrol, on the Atlantic, and Cartagena, on the Mediterranean.

Dockside facilities for the Americans have been made available at Barcelona and fuel tanks are to be installed at Tarragona.

14 LOCOMOTIVES

A radar network to protect Spanish air bases is being set up. Other activities connected with defence include extensive work on the Iron (French frontier) to Madrid main road to adapt it for the movement of heavy traffic. This would be a key highway in an emergency overdeveloped in Europe.

Likewise, bottlenecks on the main north-south railway lines are being broken. The only single-track section on the Madrid-Irun line, the 45 miles stretch from Alcala to Miranda de Ebro, is now being provided with double tracks.

Fourteen diesel electric locomotives supplied by the United States are now speeding traffic from Madrid south down to Seville and Cadiz and the twisting, sharp-graded track through the Pass of Despenaperros, separating Castile from Andalusia, is being smoothed out and electrified. The 107 miles of mountainous track from Cordoba to Algeiras, where the car ferries link Europe with Africa, is being re-laid.

Spain's Air Minister, General Gonzalez Gallardo, recently revealed that a jet trainer prototype known as the Seta (Arrow) and manufactured with the technical help of the German aviation designer, Herr Messerschmitt, had been built at Seville and had made satisfactory flights. A jet fighter prototype is being built.

AGREEMENT

A Spanish transport aeroplane, named the "Azor," is undergoing flying tests, and is being flown by American personnel at Badajoz aerodrome.

A number of F-84 Sabrejets have been delivered to Spain by the United States.

An agreement has been signed with a Spanish aviation firm and the manufacturers of the Sabrejet for the maintenance and repair of these aircraft in Spain.

Spanish naval units recently joined ships of the United States Sixth Fleet in a minor training operation for the first time.

Three United States and two Spanish Navy minesweepers conducted minesweeping and tactical training exercises in the Balearic Island area.

Full-scale joint fleet manoeuvres are expected to take place at a future date.

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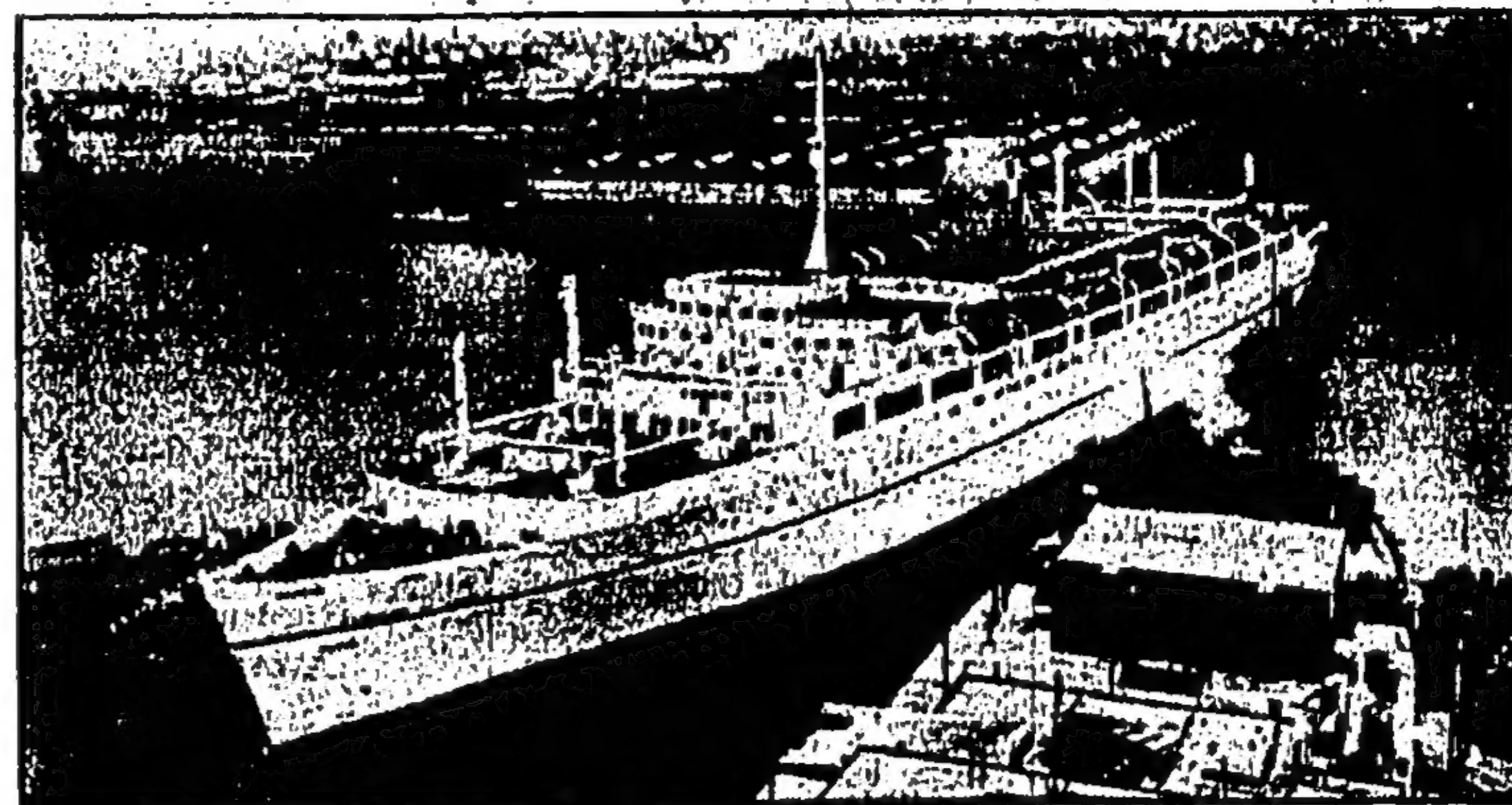
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Famous Theatre To Rise Again In Buenos Aires

Buenos Aires, Mar. 13.

The Teatro Colon of Buenos Aires, which once claimed to be the greatest temple of music in the Southern Hemisphere, rivaling the most famous opera houses in the world, is being refurbished and will attempt to regain its old place of honour.

Its director, 73-year-old Maestro Cirilo Grassi Diaz, entered the gilt and red velvet, five-storey auditorium recently and, waving his hands round the 3,600 empty seats plaintively cried: "This place has been turned into a jack of all trades.... Pure sacrilege, pure sacrilege."

Grassi Diaz' outburst surprised no one here. After devoting his entire life to furthering the cause of music, opera and ballet, he saw his beloved Teatro Colon crumble under the flood of Peronism, and the places of great artists occupied by political demagogues and unskilled mediocrities.

His love for "the" theatre filled Buenos Aires with legends. His familiar, stout, powerfully built, bespectacled figure was often seen roaming round the theatre on wintry nights when the last actor and the last spectator had left.

Once, he saw a stray dog defacing the kiosk. Grassi Diaz, it is said, spent a sleepless night. The following day, he ordered the cleaners "Dust the walls of the theatre with powdered sulphur,"—to keep the dogs away.

An Uruguayan by birth, Grassi Diaz was appointed Director of the Colon, which is owned by the municipality of Buenos Aires, for the first time in 1922. Under him, every celebrity in the world of music and opera came to Buenos Aires.

In 1949, however, Grassi Diaz had to leave the Colon. His decision was prompted by Peron's late wife Evita, who objected to the roles given to non-Peronist singers and operatic stars. One day, the telephone rang during a performance. "You had better resign," Evita said.

Grassi Diaz obeyed and asked for his pension. From that day on, no more sulphur was sprinkled on the kiosk of the Colon Theatre. Whenever a trade-union needed a hall to hold its convention, the Colon was the place.

Now, the whole situation has come under review. Grassi Diaz relinquished his pension to accept the post of Director offered to him by the first revolutionary Government of President Eduardo Lonardi. And he has set to himself the task of putting the theatre back into the limelight of the world.

In the first place, he has only a tiny budget—the equivalent of £280,000 a year from the municipality. He hopes and expects this to be increased to £380,000. But he is aware that he may have a hard task to carry.

The new municipal Teatro Colon was opened in 1908—an older theatre bearing the same name had been functioning since 1857—and for 22 years was let on lease. In 1930, it was placed directly under the control of the Mayor of the City of Buenos Aires—which meant that all losses had to be met by public funds.

Since the revolution which ousted Peron from power, the municipality has pursued a strict policy of austerity, and many influential people here regard the Colon as an unnecessary luxury.

Even if the increased grant is secured, the Colon will remain in an unfavourable situation compared with similar institutions elsewhere. Four French theatres—the Opera, the Opera Comique, the Comedie Française and the Grand Theatre—received an aggregate grant of approximately £2,000,000 a year. The Scala of Milan gets no less than £2,500,000.

Grassi Diaz plans to devote most of his new budget to improving the salaries of the theatre's permanent staff, hoping thereby to pay them to their difficulties and at the same time attract talent which has hitherto been deterred from entering the theatre because of the low rewards paid.

"Even artists eat," Diaz commented, "and what can you do if you pay first ballerinas 1,600 pesos (£16) a month and first violinists 1,250 pesos (£12.50)?"

As a start, Grassi Diaz called back Juan Jose Castro and appointed him musical director. He also asked him to prepare for the Argentine premiere of his opera, "Proserpine".

Next, he has in view a big season to commemorate the bic

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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Mystery Slip

EMMA, when she was stopped by the store detective, used the kind of language Cabinet Ministers nowadays from time to time employ. "I ain't got nothing," she said.

The words came strangely from her lips, for Emma is a neat, rather fastidious-looking little woman of 62, who looks as though she would rather be thought of taking such liberties with grammar.

"I ain't got nothing," she said, but the store detective was not taking that for an answer and led Emma back into the self-service shop she had just left.

SHE HAD £8

At Clerkwell court next day, Emma pleaded guilty before Mr. E. G. Robey, to stealing from the shop two bolts of meat-paste, a packet of detergent, some furniture polish, some butter, two packets of biscuits—2s. 2d. worth of goods in all.

"She had already bought 11s. 6d. worth of groceries when she stole these things," a detective explained to the magistrate, "and she had £8 with her. She doesn't know why she did this, nor does her husband, who says she's an excellent woman."

Her husband's an engine-driver, and he gives her £6 5s. a week. They pay 25s. a week for an unfurnished four-room flat. There is a married son of 40, and a daughter of 33.

EMMA'S HUSBAND

"WHAT do you want to say?" the magistrate asked Emma.

Emma bowed her head, and sobbed, and seemed to be making a kind of private speech to herself.

"Is her husband here?" asked the magistrate.

He was, and he came forward, a rugged open-faced man with a pock-marked face and a white beard, and he looked at Emma with a sympathetic look of pity in his eyes.

"She's punished herself proper, she has," Emma's husband said, jerking his head in a sympathetic look of pity towards his sobbing wife.

PRIDE

"SHE don't know what made her do it," he went on. "I asked her, and she couldn't even tell me."

The way he said that made it clear how much it had hurt him that there should be trouble of any kind that his wife could not share in every detail with him; it spoke for the long years of sharing the bad things as well as the good, that make enduring marriages.

"Why she done it, heaven only knows," Emma's husband said. "There's no financial trouble, nothing approaching it."

His pride in his sobriety shone out like an illuminated testimonial to his thrift and care.

AND PRIVILEGE

"THE trouble is," said the magistrate to Emma's husband, "in the courts we are always hearing this story. This one follows the usual pattern—a woman who's never been in trouble before, who's a good wife, a good mother, goes and does this sort of thing. I'm afraid it means she was trying to get something for nothing."

"Unfortunately, it means that you got punished, and you're doing nothing wrong," he turned to Emma. "You must pay a fine of £5," he said.

Emma nodded, and sobbing still was led out. Her husband followed closely, pulling out his wallet as he went, and nothing in his looks or in his manner suggested it was anything but a privilege to him to stand at his wife's side and share her troubles, and pay her fine.

Unlawful Use Of Penicillin Charge

Ng Shu, 48, of 11 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor and Ng Chau-lin, 35, of 2 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor, were remanded for two days by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida at Central this morning on a charge of unlawfully administering penicillin, and with aiding and abetting in committing the offence.

First defendant was alleged, on March 12 at 11 Sai Yuen Lane, second floor, to have administered penicillin to Ng Chau-lin by means of a syringe, though he was not a medical practitioner. Second defendant was alleged to have aided and abetted.

Found Not Guilty Of Slaying Negro

Sumner, Miss., Mar. 13.

A jury today found a white cotton gin operator innocent in the shotgun slaying of a negro.

Elmer Kimbell, 34, had been charged with shooting down Clinton Melton, 33, at a Glendon service station after an argument over the purchase of gasoline.

Kimbell, who showed no emotion when the verdict was read, was the third white man to be acquitted of slaying a member of the negro race in this tiny courtroom in the past six months.

Roy Bryant and J.W. Milam, half-brothers, were acquitted here last September of the "wolf whistle" murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till.

There was no demonstration in the crowded courtroom when the verdict was read today at 2:25 p.m. EST. The all-white jury began its deliberations after receiving conflicting testimony in the case.

SELF-DEFENCE

Kimbell, claiming self-defence, testified that he was fired on three times before he reached for his shotgun to return the fire on the night of December 3. Three white witnesses had testified that Melton was not armed.

The Tallahatchie County prosecuting attorney, J. H. Caldwell, summing up the State's case, told the jury they should return their decision without regard to whether the slain man was negro or white.

Acting Judge James McClellan told the jury they could return one of four verdicts, including "guilty as charged," which would make the death penalty mandatory.

WIFE'S EVIDENCE

Kimbell's wife followed him to the stand in the same courtroom where two white men were tried and acquitted last September for the "wolf whistle" murder of a negro, Emmett Till. Mrs. Kimbell testified that her husband, returning home the night of the slaying, told her he had been fired on at the station where Melton was employed.

Dr. Paul Goode testified that he treated Kimbell for a shoulder wound caused by a pistol or knife.

The bullet was not found, Dr. Goode said. Kimbell said the slug ripped his shoulder and came out near his neck.

Kimbell and his wife, who had sat with him through the two-day trial, said they were "overcome" by the verdict.

"I appreciate my many friends who stood by me throughout the trial," said Kimbell.

A member of the jury, who asked that his name be not used, said three members held out for four hours for a manslaughter verdict before consenting to free Kimbell.

**TITO PLANS
 TIGHTER
 CONTROL**

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In the six years from 1950 to 1955, 273,404 had been expelled.

He criticised Communist party members for "inactivity, passiveness and lack of initiative" and said the party should show more opposition to the squandering of public funds.

He was reporting to the first meeting of the Yugoslav Party Central Committee for 16 months and declared money was spent on unnecessary business trips abroad, parties and social evenings, celebrating minor anniversaries and "giving large funds for football."

He also called on Communists to react strongly against opinions sometimes expressed that Marxism was out of date.

**Sir Winston Has
 Sore Throat**

Nice, Mar. 13.

Sir Winston Churchill today spent some time working with Mr. Emory Reeves, his literary agent, in the garden of Mr. Reeves' villa where he is spending his Riviera holiday.

Sir Winston has been suffering from a sore throat in the past few days, but it was stated at the villa that it was not serious and that he had not called a doctor. China Mail Special.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't any of the modern authors ever write about a murderer who isn't a hoodlum?"

Nasser Not Afraid Of Red Domination

New York, Mar. 13.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt tonight ruled out Russia or Communism as the "immediate danger" in the Middle East.

He said "the immediate danger is Western domination—Western colonialism" and the "sort of a menace" from Israel.

The Egyptian leader made these points in a television interview with Columbia Broadcasting System's reporter Edward T. Murrow. The interview, filmed in Cairo, was broadcast on the CBS network here under the title "See It Now—Egypt-Israel."

"You are speaking about the danger which we don't feel—the Russian... aggression or domination," Nasser told Murrow. "We want to get rid of first of all of the danger which we are facing... Western domination, Western colonialism."

Nasser chided the United States for backing its Western allies against the nationalistic aspirations of colonial people.

"You are an ally to England and France and you are supporting England and France and we feel sometimes that you neglect our interests. You neglect our national aspirations in order to please your ally," he said.

"NO CHOICE"

"You have arranged to buy arms from Czechoslovakia," Murrow asked Nasser. "Are you not afraid that this will make you dependent on the Communist countries for spare parts and for technicians and that this may eventually influence your policy?"

"We were put in a position in which we had no choice at all," Nasser said. He recalled how repeated requests by Egypt for arms were refused by the Western powers and how he was having "nightmares" from the Israeli military threat.

"Well, you speak now and you ask now about being tied up with them (the Russians), about the spare parts and so on... we have to depend on them for some spare parts, and the only solution for that is... to give us the opportunity to have supplies from you so as not to be under the domination of any side."

"If there is something to be done in order to keep peace in this area we think it must be done by the United Nations itself," Nasser said.

"NOT EASY"

Murrow asked Nasser whether he believed the Israeli army could reach Cairo in four hours, as had been variously reported in many newspapers several months ago.

"Well, I think we have to fight for our security and for our territory. We have to defend ourselves. It is our duty to stand against any aggression. I think it is not easy for them (the Israelis) to get to Cairo," Nasser replied.

Nasser rejected Murrow's question whether it was true that according to some of Egypt's critics Nasser wanted to keep the Israeli dispute alive to appease nationalistic emotions in Egypt.

POINT OF VIEW

"We have to defend ourselves against aggression and I think it is not fair to say about those who want to defend themselves against aggression that they

Star Ferries Carried More Passengers Last Year

INCREASED WORKING ACCOUNT BALANCE

The Star Ferry Company were able to report increased traffic and higher revenue for the past year when the annual general meeting was held this morning.

The chairman, Mr. H. D. M. Barton, disclosed that last December the ferries carried the highest monthly total of passengers since the re-occupation of the Colony 10 years ago. Total for the year was just over 35,000,000.

He said that owing to the existing uncertainty about the cross-harbour tunnel project, the company had had to postpone building of two new ferries originally scheduled to be put in hand this year.

The Board recommended a final dividend of \$5.50, making \$9 for the year, and a cash bonus of \$2 per share.

The chairman's printed statement read:

I am pleased to state that, financially, the year 1955 was a satisfactory one for the Company.

It is, however, a matter of regret that I am still unable to give you any information on the project which, as your Chairman stated last year, may have an adverse effect on our future operations. I refer to the proposed cross-harbour tunnel. At the last annual meeting you were advised that until a decision was reached by Government on this project it would not be prudent to go ahead with our programme of capital expenditure.

Although a year has passed, no information has been forthcoming and your Directors have therefore had no option but to postpone the building of the two new vessels originally scheduled for construction in 1956. This is to be regretted.

Due to the increased passenger load our earnings in working account were \$92,000 higher than in 1954 while, despite the addition of another vessel to our fleet, the expenditure showed a nominal increase of only \$37,800. I would mention that the cost of operating straight diesel engines is considerably lower than that for the old steam engines, and this means that although we shall be operating a larger fleet, the running costs should not show any marked increase.

In the profit and loss account the revenue shows a substantial increase of \$1,000,000 over the year 1954. This is due to the sale of some of our shares in investments which were liquidated to help finance the cost of the new ferry built during 1955. This sale will mean, of course, that our income from dividends will be down in 1956.

On the other side, while there is a reduction in the royalty payable this is largely offset by an increased depreciation charge arising from additional expenditure on the fleet and the re-assessment of the annual write-off on the old vessels due to be scrapped. There is, however, an overall decrease in outgoings of some \$43,000 and the amount carried to appropriation account, \$1,051,925 is most satisfactory.

CASH BONUS

Your Board recommend that the usual final dividend of \$5.50 per share be maintained, making \$9 for the year, and in view of the substantial profit realised on the sale of investments, that a cash bonus of \$2 per share be paid therefrom. It should be stressed that this special bonus will not be recurrent. They further recommend a transfer to construction reserve of \$400,000 and a provision for corporation profits tax of \$84,053, leaving a balance to be carried forward of \$432,874.13. All these proposals are incorporated in the accounts presented.

The Balance Sheet requires no elaboration except in respect of the Notes thereon.

The outstanding commitment of \$224,200 is the final payment due on the "Radiant Star" which had not been handed over at 31st December.

The second note covers a potential commitment which may arise if your Directors decide to proceed with the construction of staff quarters. You were advised last year that this project was to be carried out during 1955 but the site which was expected to be available was not vacated and so far no indication has been received from the responsible authorities as to when it will be free. Apart from that aspect, however, this undertaking involving as it does considerable capital expenditure, will also have to be carefully reviewed by your Board as soon as the Government has announced its decision on the cross-harbour tunnel project.

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Mr. H. D. M. Barton was confirmed as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

will be made to keep this to the absolute minimum. Such inconvenience as may be experienced will be quite unavoidable and we crave the indulgence of our customers.

Once the new piers are in operation we have every reason to hope there will be no necessity to impose any restrictions on the service during annual repair work which, with the present piers, has been a difficult and expensive operation and the cause of considerable inconvenience to the travelling public.

I wish to record our appreciation of the most helpful co-operation which we have received throughout from the Officers of the Public Works Department responsible for the design and construction of the new piers.

ACCOUNTS

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Messrs B. T. Flanagan and L. Kadorie were re-elected to the Board of Directors.

Messrs Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company, Chartered Accountants, were reappointed auditors for the year.

DIRECTORS' FEES

An extraordinary general meeting of the company, held after the annual meeting, a resolution was adopted to amend the Articles of Association.

The chairman said: If the Special Resolution now before you to amend the Articles of Association of the Company is approved, it will mean that a Director of your Company will receive for his services a fee of \$2,500 per annum. The number of Directors is limited by the Articles to a maximum of five so that the total possible commitment is \$12,500 per annum.

At the present time the individual fee is \$1,000 and the total cost is \$5,000.

The Directors' fee has not been varied since 1932 when local conditions were considerably higher than it is today and the Working profit of the company was \$488,528.00 as compared with \$2,233,948.00 for last year.

This matter was raised by a shareholder at the company in 1950 but at that time, as our franchise had not been agreed with Government, your Board did not feel that an increase should be put forward for your consideration.

This is a matter which must be left for your decision and I leave it in your hands.

TODAY'S POLICE REPORTS

A four-year-old boy, Hung I ng-shung, died on Monday afternoon as a result of injuries received in a traffic accident the previous day.

The boy, living in an unnumbered hut near Tai Hang Road, sustained serious injuries when he was knocked down by a private car in Tai Hang Road at 2 p.m. on Sunday. He was removed to hospital and died the following afternoon.

KNOCKED DOWN

A collision between a private motor car and a cyclist occurred at the junction of Yen Chow Street and Tin Chau Street, Shamshuipo, at 9.50 p.m. yesterday.

The cyclist, Chiu Ping-kwong, aged 18 of 1135 Shek Kip Mei New Village, received minor injuries and was treated in hospital.

GIRL INJURED

A cyclist collided with a 17-year-old girl who was walking in Queen's Road Central, near the Central Theatre, at 8 a.m. yesterday.

The pedestrian, Ching Ying, of 25, Kung Yuen Lane, first floor, sustained serious injuries and was removed to hospital, where she is now detained.

VICTIMISED

A pickpocket stole a quantity of cash from a Chinese woman passenger on a tram car near the Central Market at 3.50 p.m. yesterday.

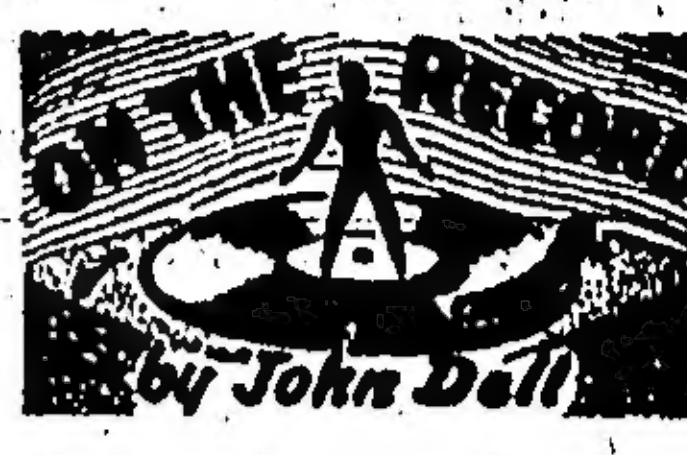
Sues For Divorce

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John E. (Shipwreck) Kelly has filed suit for divorce from his wife, former glamour queen Brenda Ripley Kelly, Court records showed today.

Kelly, a former football star, charged that his wife deserted him on March 6, 1952, and had not returned. United Press.

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Last week I mentioned that there was the possibility of a top female star visiting the Colony. There still is. This week I have more definite news for you. Johnnie Ray is scheduled to arrive here at the end of this month. So far it is not known whether he will be doing a show anywhere, but Ray fans can at least hope to see him in person.

He may also be asked to do a broadcast during his stay here and I can well imagine that it takes place the studio audience will be just about the biggest ever.

Whilst on the subject of Mr. Ray, it struck me the other day, when listening to one of his newest releases, how much his style has changed since the lament of all laments, "Cry". Nowadays he sings in what almost a normal voice and shows all the signs of showmanship which have taken him to the top. Whether you like his style or not you must surely admit that Johnnie Ray knows how to sell a song.

MEET MR DUFFY

A present visitor to Hongkong is Ed Gardner. Ed is one of the longest lasting of radio personalities in the States and his "Duffy's Tavern" series has been going steadily, week by week, since 1940. It is one of the few radio shows to make the transition from radio to television and even during this trip that he is making the show goes on. He filmed a series of 39 episodes before leaving America and the public are seeing them now.

Ed is also interested in making his own films and has already made one in Puerto Rico. He is examining the possibility of doing one here, but there is nothing definite.

Ed Gardner is just what you would expect, amiable, humorous and with a fund of stories. A pity that his "Duffy's Tavern" shows are not heard in Hongkong. Incidentally, he can be heard on Radio Hongkong this evening at nine minutes past seven.

ODDS AND ENDS

As mentioned last week, "Holiday on Ice" has crossed the harbour and can now be seen in Kowloon. If you have been meaning to go but were put off by the distance involved, take this opportunity because it is a good show and will not be showing in Kowloon for a long time as it did at the Football Club.

There should be a great big deal of record sales after the premiere of the film on April 9. The one and only Sam Goldwyn will be making a personal appearance at the theatre and the whole proceedings will be filmed for radio. Interviews with local celebrities attending the show. Here is a chance for Hongkong to show that it can stage a major event. Let's hope the chance is taken and Sam Goldwyn is not disappointed.

LOCAL FILM MUSIC

I was able to hear, a day or two ago, the theme music for the film "Mindarin Bowl." This is the English language film which has been produced locally and with local stars and the music was specially composed for the sound track. The recording I heard was not a good one, but it was enough to show that the melody is good and the singing, by Estelle, well up to standard.

The producer of the picture was setting off on a selling tour as soon as the final touches have been put to the film and he has hopes of having some success with the theme song in the "Hit Parade" stakes. He has therefore been most anxious and is negotiating for the premiere of the film. Let's wish him luck! If the film does well, it will be the first "Hit" ever to have been born in Hongkong. The title "Mindarin Bowl" is a play on the words "Mandarin" and "Bowl" and the lyrics refer to the peak and the peace found in its shadow.

TALE-PIECE

At Marlon Brando's press conference yesterday he was asked about his singing in "Guys and Dolls" and what the film title "Guys and Dolls" meant. He said "Guys and Dolls" was a play on the words "Guys and Dolls" and the lyrics refer to the peak and the peace found in its shadow.

In fact, his voice is not bad and in case you hear otherwise, you have Marlon Brando's statement to vouch for the fact that it is his own voice and not a dubbing of someone else's.